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PRESCOTT VALLEY MEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that Martin Girdler, 34, of Prescott Valley, Az., was sentenced to 33 months of imprisonment, by United States District Judge Mary H. Murguia, in Phoenix, Arizona. He must serve a minimum of 85% of the sentence before he is eligible for release. Upon his release from prison he will serve 3 years of supervised release under the direction of the United States Probation Office.

The defendant was discovered posting images of boys to a bulletin board on the internet. As a result, a search warrant was obtained and the defendant's computer equipment was seized. An examination revealed images of child pornography which the defendant admitted he had obtained over the internet.

Girdler had entered a plea of guilty on November 28, 2001, to a charge of Possession of Child Pornography.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the FBI's Innocent Images task force and the Phoenix Division of the FBI.

The prosecution was handled by Vincent Q. Kirby, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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